

BOOK NOTICE

A Brief History of Entomology Including Time of Demosthenes and Aristotle to Modern Times with over Five Hundred Portraits. By Herbert Osborn. Columbus, Ohio: The Spahr & Glenn Company, 50 E. Broad St. 9 x 6 inches. iv + 303p. \$4.50 postpaid.

Entomologists interested in the history of their science may now welcome another contribution to the history of entomology from Professor Herbert Osborn. This is the third volume by that author whose previous contributions on this subject were "Fragments of Entomological History," Parts I and II (1937 and 1946). The present volume, in three parts, was written primarily for beginning students or laymen and considering the size of the field, its coverage is of necessity brief. For this reason specialists in the history of entomology should not be disappointed in omissions or curtailments of certain facts which may have been covered in Professor Osborn's previous volumes. In part I, Chapter I, (p. 10-46), entitled Entomology in Commerce and Industry, discusses ecology, insect migration, insect illustration, entomological societies and periodicals, collegiate instruction and insect collections. Chapter II, (p. 47-65) includes statements about classification, anatomy, physiology and paleontology. Chapters III (p. 66-88) and IV (89-102) cover economic and medical entomology. In Part II, Chapter I (p. 103-171) is devoted to Regional Entomology—and therein may be found statements referring to some of the entomological work done in the various countries of the world. Part III (p. 173-294) is devoted to personal, thumb-nail sketches of The Founders and Leaders of Entomological Science, over 900 in number together with portraits of 522 of them.

Throughout the volume, the stress is upon individuals and their entomological works. The long, distinguished and varied entomological career of the author is compressed into four inadequate lines, which do nothing to indicate the esteem and respect in which he is held for his personal and professional accomplishments over many years. And one of his amazing accomplishments is his present volume at the age of ninety-six. It is a privilege to congratulate the author for his scholarship and zeal.

—HARRY B. WEISS.